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1. WE HAVE INFORMED ASHOKA HOTEL (TELEPHONE NUMBER 370101) OF CHANGE IN ROOM REQUIREMENTS AS PER PARA 3, REF (B) AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY WILL MAKE REQUISITE NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE. HOTEL IS, HOWEVER, STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO FURNISH US WITH ROOM ASSIGNMENTS. WE ARE PRESSING THEM ON THIS AND WILL SEND THEM ON AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

2. WE CONCUR IN PROGRAM FOR MORNING OF JANUARY 7 AS SET OUT IN PARA 1, REF (A) EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL AT 1015 MEETING AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL BE M.G. KAUL AND NOT FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM. SUBRAMANIAM WILL BE AT 1100 O'CLOCK MEETING.

3. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH ICICI WHICH TELLS US IT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH DELHI CLOTH MILLS. IT HAS, HOWEVER, EXTENDED RE-LENDING CREDITS TO KELVINATOR OF INDIA AND GOODYEAR TIRE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN FARIDABAD. IF GROUP DESIRES WE CAN SCHEDULE A VISIT TO ONE OF THESE PLANTS FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO ESCORTS.

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4. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ADVISES THAT THE INDIAN RAILWAYS HAS A LARGE FREIGHT INSTALLATION AT TUGHLAKABAD, ON THE WAY BACK TO DELHI FROM FARIDABAD, AND BELIEVES THAT A VISIT THERE CAN BE WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, WE STRESS THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF SQUEEZING IN BOTH A VISIT TO A SECOND PLANT IN FRAIDABAD AND A STOP AT TUGHLAKABAD FOLLOWING THE ESCORTS VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH OF THE TWO THE GROUP WOULD PREFER.

5. RE PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOI REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING AN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT ENROUTE FROM DELHI TO AGRA. MOF FORESEES NO PROBLEM IN SELECTING A VILLAGE FOR THE GROUP TO VISIT AND BELIEVES THE GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO SEE TUBEWELLS, TRACTORS, ETC., IN OPERATION. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO READY-FOR-HARVEST CROPS IN THE FIELDS AT PRESENT, THE GROUP COULD SEE THE RABI WHEAT CROP WHICH IS CURRENTLY SIX TO TWELVE INCHES HIGH. IF THE BUS FOR AGRA BEFT DELHI AT 0800 HOURS IT SHOULD REACH AGRA BY NOON, EVEN WITH THE VILLAGE STOP. FOLLOWING LUNCH AT A LOCAL HOTEL THE GROUP COULD VISIT A FAMILY PLANNING CENTER AT AGRA AND STOP BY THE TAJ MAHAL BEFORE RETURNING TO DELHI. AS MENTIONED IN AN EARLIER MESSAGE, THE TRIP FROM DELHI TO AGRA BY ROAD TAKES 3 - 3 1/2 HOURS EACH WAY.

6. CONGEN, BOMBAY TELLS US IT WILL BE RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON RE BOMBAY PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOMBAY PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF A VISIT TO THE BOMBAY PORT UPON ARRIVAL IN BOMBAY AND A VISIT TO ICICI HEADQUARTERS IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. CONGEN, BOMBAY, AWAITING REPLY ON PAREKH DINNER THAT EVENING.
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